The San Francisco Night Ministry (SFNM) announces a part-time “extended” unit of Buddhist-centered Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training in Spring 2020. Anyone who has a four-year degree or equivalent, a Buddhist practice or an intimacy with Buddhist teachings, and a heart of service is welcome to apply.

CPE is spiritual care training in a clinical context. Students use CPE for personal and professional formation. Many hospices and hospitals require spiritual care professionals to complete at least one unit of CPE. SFNM is fully accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (www.acpe.edu).

SFNM offers a unique clinical context: spiritual care on the streets of San Francisco. Students will practice the Bodhisattva Way by caring for the most marginalized populations, mostly during the night.

For more information: go to “CPE Program” on www.sfnightministry.org

This part-time unit of CPE will run from about January 13, 2020 - May 15, 2020. It includes an average of 20 hours per week of clinical and education time. Clinical hours are mostly late night hours. Educational hours will emphasize a Buddhist perspective on spiritual assessment models and a Buddhist Enneagram.

SFNM offers the opportunity to learn about grass-roots nonprofits and ministry in the digital age. Students will acquire skills for social media outreach and community building. Upon admission, students will launch a peer-to-peer fundraising campaign for SFNM. All students will participate in CPE regardless of reaching their fundraising goal. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a stipend of $1000.

Rev. Trent J. Thornley is an ACPE Associate Certified Educator and an ordained Buddhist Dharma Leader in the Nyingma tradition of Anam Thubten. He holds a Master’s degree in Buddhist Studies from the Graduate Theological Union and a Certificate in Buddhist Chaplaincy from the Institute for Buddhist Studies.

Accepting Applications Now

Send your completed application and $35 processing fee payable to “San Francisco Night Ministry” to: Rev. Trent Thornley, San Francisco Night Ministry, 1031 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Direct questions to trent@sfnightministry.org.
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“Fools see themselves as another, but the wise see others as themselves.” Zen master Dōgen